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STRIKE MAY TIE UP THE UNION STATION

Tomorrow Unless Grievances Are Adjusted.

ALLEGE A GRAFT SYSTEM IS OPERATED BY FOREMEN

Other Minor Complaints Are Made and Small Increase in Wages Demanded.

Carmen and electrical department employes of the Washington Terminal Company today announced that unless all their existing grievances are adjusted satisfactorily before 9 o'clock morning they will suspend uncement was contained in

communication delivered this morning to A. M. Keppel, superintendent of the company, and signed by a commitrepresenting the employes, the nams of which have not yet been an-

The grievances mentioned include the reinstatement of men who are alleged to have been recently discharged with no cause; a slight increase in wages and, particularly, the permanent removal of "foremen implicated in the extortion of money from employes."

Text of Employes' Letter.

The text of the letter to Mr. Peppel this morning announced that he communication to make at esent in regard to the affair, is as

counting the Washington Terminal company car and electrical depart-nent employes, have been directed to dilse you that unless the men recent

advise you that unless the men recently discharged without cause are reinstated, that all foremen implicated in the extortion of money from employes are permanently removed and relieved from all official authority, and all existing grievances are adjusted satisfactorily to the men, before 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, May 30, 1916, there will be a peaceful suspension of work on the part of all employes in the above-named departments.

"The employes' reasons for this action is herein clearly set forth in the inclosed pamphlet, entitled, "Tribute That Labor Must Pay," which discloses a thorough system of graft and discrimination, having for a long time been perpetrated by some of the Washington Terminal Company officials, and which on more than one occasion prior to this time has been called to your full attention without due consideration and relief."

The pamphlet mentioned in the letter American Federation of Labor, who has been co-operating with George A. Nolte. general organizer and first vice president of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America, with which the local carmen are affiliated, when asked

to explain concerning the clause referring to extortion by foremen of the men's wages, stated this morning that it has been proven beyond doubt that employes had been compelled by certain of their superiors to pay from \$5 to \$50 to receive jobs, and that they had been liable to discharge if they did not further pay additional sums during the course of each month.

"This is the principal reason for the ultimatum, although there are other slight grievances." stated Mr. Sterne. "The conditions leading to this communication are the worst I know of in a shop this side of New York, and on investigation have proven, in effect, a pairone system, which has entailed the paying of bonuses by the men."

The employes represented by the committee are said to number about 600, and to include car inspectors, car cleaners, icemen, electricians, and all men having to do with the condition of the rolling stock when it starts on a journey. They organized about two months ago, and have on more than one occasion, according to American Federation of Labor officials, asked conferences with the company for the settlement of grievances which, up till now, they have been unable to obtain.

NEW RECORD IN LONG SHOTS.

Accurate Rapid Firing Reported From the Cruiser San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Cal. May 29.-What was claimed today as a new record for accurate and rapid firing long shooting was established by gun crews of the cruiser San Diego at elementary practice off this port Saturday night. The official number of hits will not be known until the target screens are examined by the umpires, but it is reported the six-inch gun crew scored twenty-nine hits in forty shots, while the men behind the three-inch batteries achieved fifteen hits in twenty-seven shots. The firing range was 2,400 yards.

Admiral Winslow of the Pacific fleet was on board the San Diego, his flag-ship, during the practice. Eight target were used, representing as man hostile torepdo boat destroyers oretically, it is said, the gunners of the San Diego either destroyed or disabled the "enemy" ships.

CONFERENCES OF WOMEN.

Two Meetings in Chicago During

Republican National Convention. CHICAGO, May 29.- There will be two conferences of women here during the republican national convention, the secgathering being announced today a letter from Mrs. Carrie Chapman
tt. president of the National Amerwoman Suffrage Association, callfor a meeting of the organization
the woman's party convention will The woman's party convention will be held June 5, 6 and 7.

Steamer Eastland to Be Rebuilt. CHICAGO, May 29.—The steamer Eastland tomorrow will make its first trip on Lake Michigan since it turned

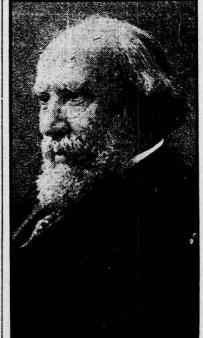
over last summer in the Chicago river, causing the death of more than 800 persons. The boat is to be towed to a shipyard in South Chicago to be rebuilt and equipped as a training ship for the Illinois naval militia.

JAMES J. HILL DIES AT ST. PAUL HOME

Employes Threaten to Quit Railroad Magnate Uncon- Plan to Merge Flag Day Celescious Twelve Hours Before End Came This Morning.

> PIONEER OF PROGRESS IN NORTHWESTERN U.S.

Controlled 6,000 Miles, of Railroad, Which Carried 15,000,000 Tons of Freight Annually.



JAMES J. HILL.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 29 .-James J. Hill, railroad builder, capitalist and most widely known figure of the northwest, died at his Summitt avenue residence at 9:30 o'clock this morning, as the result of an affection due to bowel

Mr. Hill was unconscious for nearly gether with members of the immediate

Mr. Hill's personal secretary, M. employer's demise to waiting newslence. His statement was made orally, paredness parade a success. with the intimation that a written bulletin might be issued later.

Failed to Rally This Morning.

Questioned regarding a date for obsequies, Mr. Brown said that no arangements had been discussed. Mr. Hill was sinking rapidly at 8:45 clock this morning and members of the pioneer railroad builder's family were prepared to see the end at any The following bulletin, signed by Dr. Herman M. Biggs of New York, was issued at that time:

"Mr. Hill has failed rapidly during the night, and his condition early this morning became critical. It is not likely that he will live through the

After the relapse late yesterday the aged financier failed rapidly. All the members of his family were at the bedside, with the exception of Mrs. M. Beard of New York, a daughter. She is expected to arrive tonight. James N. Hill of New York and Mrs. Samuel Hill of Washington arrived early today.

Many Called as End Came. "My father slept most of the night,

ouis W. Hill said. Finally at 9:45 a.m., M. R. Brown Mr. Hill's confidential secretary, came out and said to the newspaper report

"Mr. Hill died quietly at 9:30." The last letter sent to Mr. Hill was eceived five minutes after he died. It ument lot was from United States Judge Sanborn and was sent by a special messenger G. A. McPherson, an old friend, who watched with the family throughout the long hours of the night, left the Hill residence at 9:38 a.m. His head

was bowed with grief.

Just as Mr. Hill was dying two Little Sisters of the Poor approached the
house. They extended their sympathy
and departed.

house. They extended their sympathy and departed.
One of the first to leave the house was John J. Toomey, Mr. Hill's confidential business agent, a'd an associate for years. He was quickly followed by Ralph Budd, assistant to Louis Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, and one of the younger members of Mr. Hill's railroad family. oad family.

L. W. Hill left the house with Rev.

Thomas J. Gibbons, vicar general of the St. Paul archdiocese, and George McPherson, intimate friend of the fam-Grief showed plainly on the face

ly. Grief showed plants, of the elder Hill's successor Train for Medicine Breaks Record.

One of the physicians in attendance upon James J. Hill intimated that a certain infrequently used sedative might be of some possible slight beneit to the patient. Other doctors present questioned the possible efficiency of the sedative, and, as added argument against the use, stated that none of it

Aviator Killed; Companion Hurt.

LONDON, May 29—Capt. Grimes Jones was killed and Lieut. Henry Tennant, son of Harold J. Tennant, parliament under secretary for war, was seriously injured yesterday in Kent when a biplane in which they were maneuvering full a distance of 100 feet.

Chemists in Chicago and ascertain if a supply of this sedative could be obtained there. When an affirmative reply was received, Louis Hill ordered a special train on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad to bring the sedative to St. Paul. All traffic was side-tracked and the special arrived here in eight hours and three minutes, for at an average of fifty-four miles an hour for the 431 miles. Railroad men hour for the 431 miles. Railroad men

U. S. CLERKS MAY MARCH IN PARADE

bration With Preparedness Procession.

D. C. INTEREST GROWING IN THE EVENT OF JUNE 14

Former Presidents Roosevelt and Taft Have Been Asked by Chairman Gude to Take Part.

Government Is Interested.

Led by Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the President, employes f the White House will march in the National Capital preparedness parade Flag day, and it was said at the White House today that the President will probably

Merritt O. Chance, city postmaster, announces that the emarch in the parade in a body. William G. McAdoo, Secretary with the idea of the parade that he issued instructions for the participation of all Treasury officials and employes in sympathy with the parade's objects.

The annual celebration in Washing on of Flag day, June 14, by various or ganizations and employes of the gov ent departments may this year secome part of the monster prepared ness parade which citizens of the Dis ship of William F. Gude, chairman of the executive committee, that day.

aken today, when Robert Watson, secretary of the interdepartmental cominvited Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the preparedness parade committee tee Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the office of Chief Clerk Schofield of the War Department.

Meeting on Wednesday.

The question of having the various employes of different government de-partments organized into sections and led by government officials in the pa rade. Mr. Watson said today, will be taken up at the Wednesday afternoon

taken up at the Wednesday afternoon meeting. The intention is, in any case, to make plans that will not conflict, and it may be that it will be found desirable to have one monster celebration of Flag day, with the preparedness parade as the principal feature.

Great interest is being evidenced all over the District in the plans for the parade, and Roy C. Claffin, president of the High School Teachers' Union, has been one of the first heads of organizations to offer the co-operation of his associates in making the preassociates in making the pre-He has sent the following letter to William F. Gude, chairman of the com-

William F. Gude, cnarman of the Committee:

"As president of the High School Teachers' Union I desire to offer you the co-operation of members of that organization with the work of your committee in making the preparedness parade, to be held in this city June 14, a memorable event in the history of the Capital city.

be proud to assist in this movement It will be a manifestation of community and national pride, and will stir the patriotism of all true American hearts. It will inspire patriotism in the hearts of the younger generations.

Will Urge Cadets to March.

"We will encourage the participation in the parade of the High School fortified dam across the Italyssa, south-Cadets, and I believe that the large majority, if not all the cadets, will fled district of Asigo." march, even though they will have been disbanded by that time. Though the date comes at the busiest time of many others connected with the public schools will take part in the prepared-

schools will take part in the prepared-ness démonstration.

"As an organization affiliated with the Washington Central Labor Union we shall endeavor to have that body take an active interest in the event, and no doubt there will be a ready

response.

"It would be an excellent feature to have President Wilson review the parade prior to his making an address at the Flag day exercises on the Mon-

Offices Are Established.

The committee has established offices on the fifth floor of The Star building and a force of clerks has been engaged to do the necessary clerical work. Telegrams have been sent to former President Roosevelt and former President Taft, asking thir participation, in the following language:

"We are arranging a monster preparedness parade of national importance for Flag day, June 14, next. "As one of our most distinguished American citizens, the country would appreciate your presence in Washington at that time, and particularly any measure of activity that you may be disposed to exercise in connection with

"WILLIAM F. GUDE,
"Chairman National Capital Prepar
edness Parade Committee."

Chairmen of Committees.

Chairman Gude has announced the chairmen: Public order, Maj. Raymond W. Pullman; floats, Isaac Gans; reviewing stand, F. D. Owen, and law and legislation, A. Leftwich Sinclair. These subcommittee chairmen will appoint

the sedative, and, as added argument against the use, stated that none of it could be obtained at any point nearer than Chicago.

Louis Hill chanced to overhear this conversation of the surgeons. Instantly he directed his secretary to call by telephone a firm of pharmaceutical chemists in Chicago and ascertain if a supply of this sedative could be obtained there. When an affirmative reply was received, Louis Hill ordered a their own committees, and have been urged by Chairman Gude to proceed at once toward that end.

It is expected that the committee will adopt the suggestion that all of the marchers in the preparedness parade shall carry a flag. It is thought that the committee will adopt a standard size flag to add to the beauty of the scene on Pennsylvania avenue, with thousands of men and women stretched from the Peace Monument to the Treasury, each carrying a flag.

Rudolph Kaufmann, treasurer of the executive committee, has announced that the subscription list for the expenses of the preparedness parade is now open, and that he will be glad to receive and acknowledge all funds placed in the hands of the committee

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AUSTRIANS GAINING ATHENS IS AFLAME MEXICAN TROOPS AGAINST BULGARS ON SOIL OF ITALY

Greek Capital, Following

News of Invasion.

says that grave trouble has

of the invasion of Macedonia by

Bulgarian troops crossed the Greek

frontier May 26 and occupied the Greek

forts of Rupel, Dragotin and Spatovo.

these forts withdrew on the advance of

the Bulgarians, who claimed permission

from the Athens government for their act

The Bulgarians were said to be led by

German officers, who explained to the

ommanders of the Greek forts that the

central powers were merely being ac-

corded the same privilege that had been

given the allies in permitting them to

Greek Feeling Runs High.

It was reported from Athens yesterday

that feeling was running very high in

the Greek capital over the Bulgarian in

vasion. The Herald, the organ of M.

Venizelos, appeared yesterday with a

black border and contained a fiery article

Serbian Troops Are Landed.

After crossing the Aegean seea with-

out loss the Serbian army in full

100,000 officers annd men. It was re-

MEMORIAL

DAY

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sued tomorrow at 1

o'clock and delivered at

once throughout the city.

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Tuesday's Star.

Classified Advertise-

The regular edition

from the pen of the former premier.

The Greek troops which had garrisone

the Bulgarians.

ccupy Saloniki.

THE EXODUS.

Vienna Reports the Capture of Grave Trouble Reported in Fortified Position West of Arsiero.

CONGRESS

ROME THINKS THE WORST OF OFFENSIVE NOW OVER

Belief Expressed That Italians, in New Lines, Will Be Able

to Hold Enemy. VIENNA, May 28, via Berlin and wire-

less to Sayville, N. Y., May 29 .- Austro-Hungarian troops have captured a for tified position west of Arsiero, Italy the war office announced today. The statement follows:

"Italian war theater: Austro-Hunga rian troops captured the fortified works at Cornowo, west of Arsiero, and the west of Monte Interrotto, in the forti-

Offensive Less Vehement.

ROME, May 28, via Paris, May 29.the school year, it is probable that The Austrian offensive is losing the vehemence of the first days when, with overwhelming forces, they took by surprise one of the narrowest points on the Italian front. The present relaxation is due to the resolute attitude of the Italian troops who, the momen they were withdrawn to a strong line of defense, opposed an admirable resistance for which the enemy was unprepared.

The Austrians succeeded in advancing on the right bank of the Adige, north of the village Ala, whence they are doing their utmost to evict the Italians from the left bank. They are making a strength now has been landed at Saspecial effort at the Buole pass, the loniki according to a dispatch received possession of which, commanding as it here today by wireless telegraphy. does the entrance to the Lagarina val- | Serbia's new army has been variously ley, would help their operations in the estimated to number between 80,000 and

neighboring Arsa valley.

The fight on the high Asiago plateau has been going on for four days with alternate vicissitudes, the Italian resistance augmenting daily in power. In the Sugana valley the struggle continues on both sides of the Brenta river. The Austrians have obtained no ginuine success on the right bank of the river, while on the left they have been repulsed near Strigno, a few miles east of Borgo, the largest town in the Sugana valley. Borgo has been heavily damaged by artillery fire.

The Alpine soldiers of Italy have performed wonders. It is chiefly due to them that the Italians have been able to maintain their resistance on the chosen line of defense pending reinforcements which have now arrived. neighboring Arsa valley.

Austrians Strengthen Lines. GENEVA, May 28, via Paris, May 25

Important developments are expected this week along the Italian front, according to information received her from the Austro-Italian war zone. In addition to the concentration by the

NEARING PERSHING

Vicinity of Chihuahua, Gen. Bell Reports. PARIS, May 29, 11:55 a.m. GEN. GAVIRA EXPECTED

Carranzistas Mass 20,000 in

A news dispatch from Athens TO URGE WITHDRAWAL broken out there, following news

May Hint at Conference That Death of Candelaria Cervantes Makes American Soldiers Unnecessary.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., May 29.-Reorts regarding the concentration of Mexican troops in the vicinity of Chihuahua were transmitted to army headquarters here today by Gen. Bell at El Paso. It is indicated that the force massed in the territory numbers approximately 20,000 men. May Urge Withdrawal.

COLUMBUS, N. M., May 29.-No word

has been received from Gen. Gavira regarding the fixing of a date for the conference between the latter and Gen. John J. Pershing announced to be held this week near Colonia Dublan. As Gen. Pershing is understood to have selected a spot near Colonia Dublan for the meeting the time, it is said, has been left to the convenince of the Mexi-The position of kupel is an important one. It dominates the defile leading to Demir-Hissar bridge, which is the key to Seres and which also is reported to have been occupied. An adversary thus controls the railroad from Saloniki to Kavalla.

troops in Chihuahua.

It is expected Gen. Gavira will remind Gen. Pershing that the further presence of American troops in Mexico, now that one of the chief bandit leaders, Candelaria Cervantes, is dead and his forces are scattered, is unnecessary and that until the troops are withdrawn demonstrations against the American troops by the civilian population are inevitable.

According to information received here today, several bandit bands are operating south of the American lines in territory recently evacuated by Gen. territory recently evacuated by Gen. Pershing's columns.

Villa Stores Are Found. FIELD HEADQUARTERS, NEAR

NAMIQUIPA, Mexico, May 28, via wireless to Columbus, N. M., May 29.-Ten machine guns 380 rifles and a quantity of ammunition discovered yesterday in to field headquarters today. The arms were found in a cave in Ojo canyon, to reach which the guides climbed a tortuous mountain trail afoot.

Numerous theories have been advanced as to the cache, but military authorities here cling to the belief that it contained a greater quantity of the armament which Villa was reported to have hidden in the Bachiniba district before the raid upon Columbus, N. M. American army intelligence officers are centering their efforts on seeking further hiding places of weapons and ammunition, realizing that the cleaning of northern Chihuahua of such caches is vital should Villa or any of his adherents reorganize and attempt to operate in this region. were found in a cave in Ojo canyon, to

Mendez Arrives in Capital, But Says He Has No Note From Carranza Government

Star office by 10:30 a.m. Manuel Mendez, an attache of Gen. to insure insertion in Carranza's foreign office, arrived here today and conferred with Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador, but denied that he brought a note, as had been expected, or that he brought any (Continued on Seventh Page.)

"HYPHEN" DARKENS POLITICAL HORIZON

May Possibly Overcast Presi- No Peace Otherwise, Says dential Candidacies at the Chicago Convention.

GERMAN-AMERICANS SEEK ORGAN OF THE VATICAN **VOICE IN G. O. P. PLAFORM**

Publishers, in Session, Prepare Statements Construed as Slapping at Wilson and Roosevelt.

BY N. O. MESSENGER.

CHICAGO, May 29 .- The hyphen is lready casting a shadow over the republican national convention. At present, it is the shadow of the proverbial cloud no bigger than a man's hand, but t threatens to darken the political norizon and possibly to overcast presilential candidacies

Republican managers are not only worried, but indignant at the threatened injection into party platform of elements that they hotly assert have no part in the declaration of party principles. Efforts are being made to day to avert precipitation of an appreended vexatious, unpleasant issue. The German-American Newspape

nere and has drawn up a statement embodying the views of German-It is stated that an effort will be made o have the republican platform emody some of these declarations, as representative of the demands of the German-Americans of this country. The statement as prepared goes furher and without mentioning names is capable of being construed, it is chargcapable of being construed, it is charged, as slapping at President Wilson and Col. Roosevelt. The republican managers here resent the idea of citizens of foreign extraction of whatever nationality, English, Irish, Scottish, Italian, French or what-not, presenting planks for adoption in an American party platform.

for adoption in an American party platform.

If the authors of the proposed declarations appear before the committee on resolutions with the suggestion, they will be rebuked, it is said by republican leaders here. The criticism, which is construed as aimed at the democratic national administration, reads as follows: "We believe in frank diplomacy and international good will as opposed to the double standards in foreign relations, which judges with harsh acerbity the mistakes of one nation and condones with academic disapproval the offenses of another."

Thrust Thought For Roosevelt. The thrust, which is taken as having

e colonel as its object, reads thus: "A

leaf ear should be turned to all demagogues who trade upon national anipathies and seek to extol their own loyalty by impugning that of others." The authors of the document, however insist that they represent loyal Americanism and sum it up in this epigramdence, just as these declarations are made public, there also appeared a letter from Col. Roosevelt addressed to Frederick H. Bates, in which the colonel save in part references.

made public, there also appeared a letter from Col. Roosevelt addressed to Frederick H. Bates, in which the colonel says, in part, referring to German-Americans:

"I don't want their support as Germans, and if they expect me to stand by their fatherland, as you say they phrase it, when I believe their fatherland to be wrong, then they are entirely right in being opposed to me, because they are not acting as Americans—they are acting as adherents of a foreign nation residing in America. And I don't want any support except from straight-out Americans.

"But I will not in any way, shape or form countenance the efforts of any section of our citizens to vote, not as Americans, but with regard to the real or fancied interests of the land from which they or their parents came. I regard such support as profoundly immoral and as profoundly un-American.

"I would promptly repudiate your support if you were for me as an English-American, and I would repudiate any one else's support who would vote for me as a German-American."

Acrimony and Bitterness Shown.

Acrimony and bitterness is begin-S

Acrimony and bitterness are begin
Its definiteness in certain particulars is arresting, but perhaps to many of his wor countrymen the air of definiteness in certain which they can be phrases many seem elusive. One of his phrases and objects of the war the United States has no concern. To us, who believe we are opposing an attempt at world domination, it is hard to believe that the cause for which we stand is not of some concern to the United States has no concern. To us, who believe we are opposing an attempt at world domination, it is hard to believe that the cause for which we stand is not of some concern to the United States has no concern. To us, who believe we are opposing an attempt at world domination, it is hard to believe that the cause for which we stand is not of some concern to the United States has no concern. To us, who believe we are opposing an attempt at world domination, it is hard to be lieve that the cause for

Acrimony and bitterness are begin-

ning to mark the combined attacks of can leader.

It is believed that Gen. Gavira is in communication with Gen. Carranza, receiving instructions as to the propositions to be laid before Gen. Pershing, which will have to do more or less with the present dispositions of American troops in Chinuahua.

The allies want to prevent his nomimade of this drive on Mr. Hughes, and be considered from two points of view The allies want to prevent his nomination, so that they may parcel the plum to one of themselves. The colonel, of course, finds Mr. Hughes a stone wall in his path to the goal.

If the efforts, undertaken separately, but having the effect of unity, should appeared the allies say they are not

but having the effect of unity, should succeed, the allies say they are not afraid of Roosevelt, and the colonel's friends say that with a divided camp of jealous allies he would "eat them up alive" and carry off the prize.

The attitude of the allies is outlined in a statement which one of the leaders in a favorite son camp made to The Star correspondent. He said:

Convention of Organized Party.

"This is an organization convention—that is to say, it will be controlled by states which believe in an organized republican party. We do not recognize Justice Hughes as an exponent of organization. We have men who do measure up to the standard—Weeks, Fairbanks, Root, Sherman, Burton, knox and others. Why should we swing our forces into line for a man who is not regarded as an organization man when we have this field to choose from? I tell you, this feeling is going to prevent a stampede to Mr. Hughes, and (Continued on Second Page.) ganization. We have men woo do measure up to the standard—Weeks, Fairbanks, Root, Sherman, Burton, Knox and others. Why should we swing our forces into line for a man who is not regarded as an organization man, when we have this field to choose from? I tell you, this feeling is going to prevent a stampede to Mr. Hughes, and (Continued on Second Page.)

DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senates Met at 11 a.m.

Motion to recommit rivers and harbors bill with instructions to report a bill for \$20,000,000 in a ump sum. Commerce subcommittee heard protests against shipping bill.

House: Met at 11 a.m. Continued discussion of naval Ways and means committee democrats considered revenue

measure.

"GERMANY MUST BE BEATEN FIRST"

ONE CENT.

English Press, Commenting on President's Speech.

PLEASED AT ADDRESS

Corriere d'Italia Points Out Accord With Pope's Views Respecting Rights of Small Nations.

LONDON, May 29, 3 a.m.-The Times oday, discussing recent reports the way for American mediation in the war, declared that mediation of this character cannot be entertained, because, as the editorial phrases it, a compromise between right and wrong is impossoble, and the war, as a matter of principle, must be fought until Germany is beaten.

"President Wilson's electioneering speeches," says the Times, "are bringshould be sorry to emulate the suggestion of the Frankfurter Zeitung that President Wilson probably con siders his political prospects would be helped by a conclusion of peace, but we think it right to state quite clearexercises of natural impartiality be as-similated into a German war of unprovoked aggression, murder and out-rage. They will listen to proposals of peace only when they come from the beaten foe."

The morning papers generally com dent Wilson's speech. Chronicle thinks that "Germany "is working up a peace move in her own American opinion to help her."

Thinks U. S. Concerned Also.

"Irresponsible peace talk received its week, but, no doubt, President Wilson's speech before the League to Enforce Peace will revive

Two Points to Be Considered. The Westminster Gazette says that

if one is to understand what President Wilson is driving at, his speech must war and the more remote one of reconstruction after the war. It con-"This proviso is necessary, for the

President's neutrality "in mind and

thought" is an ice cold abstraction for a belligerent who believes he is fighting in the sacred cause of law and right. We do not understand how a neutral can expect to influence these events if he begins by declaring himself not to be concerned with their causes and objects. We do not see how he is to control this 'stupendous flood' if he is not 'interested to search for or explore the obscure fountains'

"U. S. Influential World Power."

The Gazette considers President Wil-son's declaration that the United States is willing to become a partner in any feasible association of nations as a momentous one and asserts that Great Britain's record for a century is an indorsement of his suggestion for establishing the security of the highways of
the seas. It adds that if the President
means sea power in war is to be reduce or
limited in such a way as to "deprive
us of our principal weapon and means
of defense we should naturally have a
good deal to say on that subject."

But the association of nations to prevent war has the hearty assent of this
influential newspaper, which says that
if the President's speech can be taken
as a declaration of the adhesion of the
United States to this idea it has high
significance, "for it brings the United
States definitely into world politics and
makes her henceforth one of the nations
that must be reckened with in any scheme Britain's record for a century is an in-